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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, SY

SUBJECT: VISIT OF COLUMNIST ROWLAND EVANS

1. COLUMNIST ROWLAND EVANS WILL BE VISITING MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SYRIA, EGYPT, JORDAN, AND SAUDI ARABIA, IN PERIOD BETWEEN MID-JUNE AND MID-JULY, BROKEN BY TRIPS TO EUROPE. HE HAS ASKED THROUGH SYRIAN AMBASSADOR FOR APPOINTMENT WITH ASSAD DURING VISIT TO DAMASCUS, APPROXIMATELY JULY 7-8.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS BUT HOPE YOU CAN PUT IN YOUR OWN WORD WITH THE PRESIDENCY THAT AN INTERVIEW WITH A PRESTIGIOUS COLUMNIST SUCH AS ROWLAND EVANS COULD BE MOST USEFUL TO SYRIAN INTERESTS. EVANS IS AWARE THAT APPOINTMENT COULD NOT BE SET UNTIL AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS.

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3. FOR ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS, EVANS MAY BE CONTACTING EMBASSY OFFICERS, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EXTENDING NORMAL COURTESIES.

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